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Dear Jim,

General GEHLEN's Memoirs

An article appeared on the front page of "The Australian" newspaper yesterday stating that, according to the "New York Times", General GEHLEN, after at least six months of negotiations regarding world publishing rights, was about to publish his memoirs for a price close to \$1,000,000.

2. "The Australian" highlights an allegation it says appears in these memoirs claiming that Martin BORMANN was a Soviet agent during World War II, that he crossed over to the Red Army as it neared Berlin and that he lived in the USSR until his death there three years ago, working at times as an adviser on German policy after the war.

3. You have no doubt read the article and possibly seen the memoirs themselves, in which case I would be most grateful for any comments or views you might let me have regarding them that could be of value in our counter-intelligence work here.

Yours

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